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TO: Joel Boyd, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Billie Jo Turner, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: April 12, 2021

RE: Approval to Accept and Expend Allocated FY21 Awards

I respectfully request that the School Committee vote to approve and accept the enclosed list of FY21 grant allocations received to date.

These funds include Federal and State awards that have been secured by the Lowell Public Schools through the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education, as well as, funding from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Mass Cultural Council.

21st Century Community Learning Centers - Continuation Grant - Enhanced Programs for Students on an IEP - DESE Fund Code 244

Allocation Amount: \$89,358

Duration: 2/1/21 to 8/31/21

This grant program uses federal special education funding to continue to enhance the capacity of existing federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programs to more effectively include students on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) into existing programs and services.

Funding allocated to stipends for program staff.

FAFSA Completion Opportunity Grant - DESE Fund Code 432

Allocation Amount: \$20,000

Duration: 3/5/21 to 6/30/21

The priority of this federal funding is to increase the number of students completing FAFSA and attending college through the use of data to identify and support students and their families in completing FAFSA and the financial aid process in fifty identified high schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Funding allocated to stipends and consultants to support families in the completion of the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Growing Literacy Equity Across Massachusetts (GLEAM): Collaboration and Preparation - DESE Fund Code 507

Allocation Amount: \$8,000

Duration: 2/3/21 to 6/30/21

The purpose of this competitive GLEAM Collaboration and Preparation grant is to support entities to develop strong proposals for the forthcoming GLEAM program grants.

Funding allocated for stipends.

21st Century Community Learning Centers Carryover - DESE Fund Code 645

Allocation Amount: \$163,895

Duration: 9/1/20 to 8/31/21

Funding carried-over from FY20 to support the continued implementation of academically enriching programming implemented during out-of-school time and/or through extended learning time that helps to close proficiency and opportunity gaps, increase student engagement, and support college and career readiness and success.

Funding allocated to stipends for program staff and student transportation.

21st Century Community Learning Centers Carryover - DESE Fund Code 646

Allocation Amount: \$92,191

Duration: 9/1/20 to 8/31/21

Funding carried-over from FY20 to support the continued expansion and enhancement of high quality 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programs that will serve as mentors and resources to new and existing programs.

Funding allocated to stipends for program staff and student transportation.

Urban Ecosystems - University of Massachusetts Lowell

Allocation Amount: \$2,160

Duration: 3/1/21 to 6/30/21

Funding to support collaboration with the Tsongas Industrial History Center on urban ecosystems.

Funding allocated to stipends for professional development.

STARS Residency Program - Mass Cultural Council

Allocation Amount: \$5,000

Duration: 7/1/20 to 6/30/21

The purpose of this state funding is to support continued work with Artist in Residency, Yary Livan, at the J.G. Pyne Arts.

Funding allocated to stipend for program overview, contracted services and supplies.